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PIGMIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA EXHIBITED IN LONDON.

LONDON, June 24.-The six pigmies brought by Colonel Harrison from the great unknown forest of Central Africa have arrived in London at last, after many delays and interruptions on the way.

A few years ago Stanley set the world to talking of the strange little men whom he discovered in his great march across Africa. Now the six pigmies, first of their race to leave the swamps and forests of Central Africa, rode through London in a couple of four-wheeled cabs, one of them smoking a Havana cigar as naturally as a stock broker. Since Sir Walter Raleigh brought his red Indians to England, over 300 years ago, there have been no such strange visitors as these little human monkeys from the darkest depths

Out of the six pigmies, four are men and two are women, but even Colonel Harrison, who discovered them in their forest home, knows no relationship between them.

The little men treat the little women as inferior beings, who ought to do as they are told. There are no signs of affection among them, save, perhaps, that Gorrigi, the younger and better looking of the women, spends most of her time in gazing upon Mongogo, the youngest and liveliest of the little & men, who is one yard tall in his bare feet.

The names and ages of the six pigmies are:

Magani (man), about 35. Mafanti (man), about 30. Mattuka (man), about 28. Mongogo (man), about 20. Maroupi (woman), about 39. Gorrigi (woman), about 16. .

Magani, the chief, is four feet high, and the tallest of the six pigmies. He is a splendidly developed pigmy, with broad shoulders, deep chest, and grizzly gray whiskers. He walks with a dignified swagger, gets most of the cigars and generally comports himself like a forest king.

Colonel Harrison found the pigmies living near the equator in the forest southwest of Lake Albert, at the head of the Nile. They reach maturity at an earlier age even than the Hindus. They marry at 8, at 20 they have grown up children of their own, and are "too old at 40" for anything ex-Uganda folk.

Perhaps the most interesting thing in connection with this touch of Darkest Africa is the manner in which the pigmies chant their forest songs in the heart of civilization. Quietly the four men rise to their feet and stand in a small circle, gazing at the ground. The old woman pigmy and the "Lovely Princess'' sit silently aside. For some moments the four are perfectly still. Next, old Magani, of the grizzly gray beard, pats the brown mat gently with his right foot, and Mattuka, of the large and shiny nose, begins to hum like a crooning babe.

Then the song and dance of the pigmies begins. The dance is as ceremonious as a minuet, and all four dance exactly alike. In the circle they move round and round with heads jerking and feet patting and stamping gently on the ground. The song they sing is composed chiefly of vowel sounds. It is very melodious, but dirge like, and runs something like this: "O eea eea ee-ea. O hee he-a hea-a hea-a-a! O oeo o-o-o-o!

A-e a-a aa-aaa-! A-o ee aa aa aa! O-eo-o-o-o! Oe'o-o-o-!"

TWAIN ON THE MENTAL PHOTOGRAPH

(From the Buffalo Express.)

I have received from the publishers, Leypoldt & Holt, New York, a nearly printed page of questions with blanks Vanderbilt's pocketbook. for answers, and I am requested to fill those blanks. These questions are so arranged as to ferret out the most secret points of a man's nature without his ever noticing what the idea is until the thing is done and his "character" gone forever. A number of these sheets are bound together and called a Mental Photograph Album. Nothing could induce me to fill those blanks but the asseveration of these gentle- there. enabling young people to see what I am, and giving them an opportunity to become like somebody else. This can- the gowan-lying." dor overcomes my scruples. I have but | What trait of Character do you most willing to part with for the public cannibalism-love for his fellowman. if I had had a chance, but things have man. always been against me. I never had | What trait do you most detest in father and mother—and so I have had "or" to, to describe its possessor. at odd hours, during the last thirty years, and without other educational aid than I was able to pick up in the ordinary schools and colleges. I have filled the blanks as follows:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE.

Color-Anything but dun. Flowers?-The night-blooming Sirius, as a general thing. Tree?-Any that bears forbidden

Object in Nature-A dumb belle. Hour in the Day -The leisure hour. Season of the Year -The lecture sea-

Perfume?-Cent per cent Gem?-The jack of diamonds when

it is trump. Style of Beauty?-The Subscriber's. Names, Male and Female?—M'aimez (Maimie), for a female, and Tacus and to Dust." Marius, for males.

Painters?-Sign painters. Musicians?-Harper & Brothers, Piece of Sculpture?-The Greek Slave, with his hod.

has a lucid interval. Poetess?-Timothy Titcomb Prose Author?-Noah Webster, LL write answers to those questions, se- real nature and the peculiar bent of

Characters in Romance?-The Byron Family.

In History? - Jack the Giant Killer. Book to take up for an hour?-What book (not religious) would you

part with last?-The one I might happen to be reading on a railroad during the disaster season. What Epoch would you choose to

have lived in?-Before the present Erie-it was safer. Where would you like to live? -- In the moon, because there is no water

men that it will benefit my race by Favorite amusement?—Hunting the 'tiger" or some kindred game, Favorite Occupation?-"Like dew on

little character, but what I have I am admire in Man?-The noblest form of good. I would have been a better man | In Woman?—Love for her fellow-

each?-That "trait" which you put to struggle along the best way I If not yourself, who would you rather could. I do not boast of this character, be?—The Wandering Jew, with a nice annuity. What is your idea of happiness?-

Finding the buttons all on. Your Idea of Misery?-Breaking an egg in your pocket. What is your bete noir?--(What is

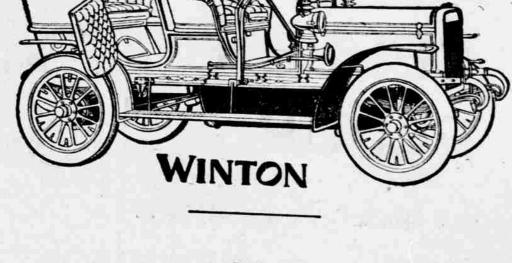
my which?) What is your Dream?-Nightmare, What do you most dread?- Expos-

What do you believe to be your Distinguishing Characteristic?—Hunger. What is the Sublimest Passion of which Human Nature is capable?-

Loving your sweetheart's enemies. What are the Sweetest Words in the World?--"Not Guilty."

What are the saddest?-"Dust un-What is your Aim in Life?-To endeavor to be absent when my time

What is your Motto?-Be virtuous and you will be eccentric. Poet?-Robert Browning, when he But, jesting aside, the Mental Photo- discover, when he is done, that he has this kind ought to make an entertain- but in explaining to the unfortunate graph Album is a novel and ingenious made a record whereby a stranger may ing "book to take up for an hour." idea. If one will take the trouble to gather a pretty fair estimate of his



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that Sirius is the dog-star and blooms only at night, I am afforded an opportunity to air my erudition. (It is